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1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Okanagan-Similkameen, Thompson-Nicola, Central Okanagan, North Okanagan, Columbia-Shuswap

This region stretches from the Interior plateau (west of the Cascade Mountains), northward over the Kootenays, to the Rocky Mountains. It is made up of many different types of ecosystems from desert to mountain alpine. The main economic activities are agriculture, forestry, mining, manufacturing, and tourism. This region contains the most productive tree fruit and wine grape growing areas within the province. Warm weather and low precipitation have resulted in the pine forests being ravished both by a fungus carried by pine beetles, and by an increase in wild fires. The area has many wood processing facilities, some of which have announced closures or output reductions. Several major mines have closed in this region in the last few years due either to ore depletion or low metal prices. However, higher commodity prices have led to increased mining exploration and some mine openings. The climate, which is so conducive to agriculture, also attracts a large number of tourists and retirees to the region. New four season resorts continue to be built particularly in the eastern portion of the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC Stats population projection P33 completed in the Summer of 2008. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas, including age and sex detail, are modestly priced. Users requiring only total population projections are able to self serve for free from our population projection page: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/pop/pop/popproj.asp The full B.C. level projection is available free on the above page.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Business Locations, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2011

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Thompson/Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Locations	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		With No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	22,711	19,180	1,628	619	76	21,503	100.0%	100.0%	173,589
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,570	1,394	74	31	1	1,500	7.0%	4.0%	6,932
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	99	88	7	2	1	98	0.5%	0.6%	1,045
22	Utilities	31	30	6	4	0	40	0.2%	0.1%	210
23	Construction	4,269	3,022	139	42	1	3,204	14.9%	12.1%	21,011
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	506	738	110	60	9	917	4.3%	4.1%	7,146
41	Wholesale Trade	614	810	88	11	1	910	4.2%	5.4%	9,305
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	1,214	2,404	276	120	10	2,810	13.1%	11.9%	20,657
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	985	737	65	22	3	827	3.8%	4.2%	7,276
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	157	161	22	11	2	196	0.9%	1.4%	2,354
52	Finance & Insurance	1,563	683	94	15	3	795	3.7%	3.8%	6,667
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3,838	946	30	10	1	987	4.6%	4.9%	8,433
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv.	2,592	1,768	54	13	0	1,835	8.5%	11.3%	19,584
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	1,402	246	13	4	3	266	1.2%	1.5%	2,537
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	840	947	55	23	0	1,025	4.8%	4.9%	8,523
61	Educational Services	167	172	22	7	11	212	1.0%	1.3%	2,289
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	645	1,786	134	65	9	1,994	9.3%	9.1%	15,793
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	292	280	44	25	10	359	1.7%	1.6%	2,810
72	Accom. & Food Services	610	1,075	319	110	4	1,508	7.0%	6.8%	11,831
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	1,313	1,832	58	14	0	1,904	8.9%	10.5%	18,288
91	Public Administration	4	61	18	30	7	116	0.5%	0.5%	898

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division. Note: This table formerly identified business establishments.

For historical record back to 1999, use link below, find Business Locations by Employee Size, choose XLS, select tab 'bmalos2'.
http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/StatisticsBySubject/BusinessIndustry/BusinessCountsEmploymentByIndustry.aspx

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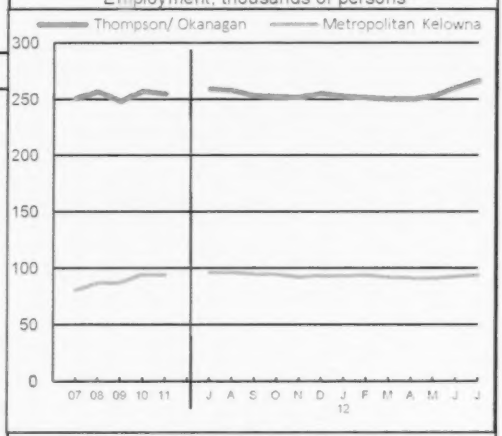
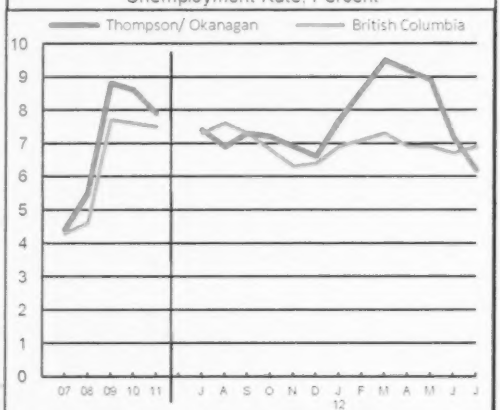
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson/ Okanagan		Metropolitan Kelowna		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	2002	207.2	9.4	69.6	9.7	1,952.8	8.5
	2003	217.4	8.8	71.1	8.6	1,998.0	8.0
	2004	226.6	6.6	77.8	4.9	2,032.8	7.2
	2005	239.5	5.2	76.4	5.3	2,091.9	5.8
	2006	247.6	5.0	80.1	6.0	2,147.2	4.8
	2007	250.4	4.4	80.9	4.6	2,222.6	4.3
	2008	256.6	5.5	87.2	5.0	2,266.4	4.6
	2009	248.0	8.8	87.5	8.8	2,217.9	7.7
	2010	257.2	8.6	94.6	7.7	2,256.5	7.6
	2011	254.7	7.9	94.4	7.9	2,274.7	7.5
2011	Jan	255.5	9.0	94.7	8.0	2,250.0	7.5
	Feb	253.2	9.3	93.4	8.4	2,232.3	8.3
	Mar	253.3	9.3	93.2	8.8	2,227.7	8.7
	Apr	256.2	8.8	93.3	8.7	2,240.5	8.4
	May	257.1	8.4	94.8	8.6	2,261.0	7.8
	Jun	257.4	8.1	95.6	8.7	2,280.1	7.4
	Jul	259.2	7.4	96.3	7.8	2,295.3	7.3
	Aug	257.6	6.9	96.5	7.1	2,298.0	7.6
	Sep	253.0	7.3	95.1	6.9	2,300.7	7.3
	Oct	251.9	7.2	94.5	6.9	2,299.8	6.8
	Nov	251.5	6.9	92.4	7.2	2,296.6	6.3
	Dec	255.2	6.6	93.7	7.1	2,290.2	6.4
2012	Jan	252.3	7.7	93.2	8.8	2,275.0	6.9
	Feb	251.3	8.6	94.2	8.7	2,269.4	7.1
	Mar	250.0	9.5	92.2	9.4	2,267.0	7.3
	Apr	249.7	9.2	91.5	8.4	2,284.2	6.9
	May	252.7	8.9	91.1	8.7	2,304.5	6.9
	Jun	260.5	7.2	92.9	6.6	2,328.1	6.7
	Jul	266.4	6.2	94.0	5.6	2,339.8	6.9
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jul11	256.1	8.5	94.5	8.4	2,260.6	8.0
	Jan-Jul12	256.7	8.0	92.6	7.4	2,303.5	7.0
	% Change	0.2		-2.0		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



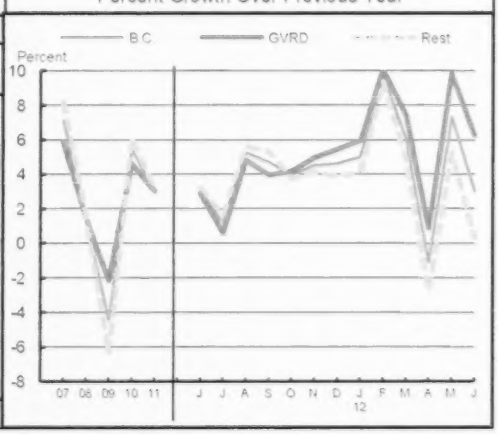
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Year-to-Date		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2007	56,930.4	25,733.1	31,197.3	7.1	5.9	8.2
	2008	57,783.0	26,116.0	31,667.0	1.5	1.5	1.5
	2009	55,221.9	25,556.4	29,665.6	-4.4	-2.1	-6.3
	2010	58,220.4	26,732.4	31,488.0	5.4	4.6	6.1
	2011	60,005.3	27,545.0	32,460.3	3.1	3.0	3.1
Jan-Jun	2011	28,298.4	13,157.0	15,141.4			
Jan-Jun	2012	29,663.9	14,030.8	15,633.2	4.8	6.6	3.2

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, CANSIM 080-0020, unadjusted data.

Percent Growth Over Previous Year



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Was 5 **Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more**

This table is discontinued. Sub-provincial manufacturing principal statistics are no longer being produced.

The methodology used to generate Room Revenue estimates is being refined and as a result the regularly scheduled release of the data since April 2011 has been interrupted. BC Stats will be publishing updated estimates, including revisions to previously-released data, as soon as we are ready. We apologize for any inconvenience to users.

5 **Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)**

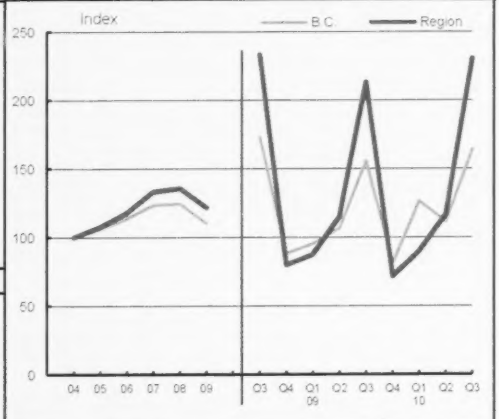
	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	2006	259,729.0	43,284.0	61,051.0	114,122.0	41,272.0
	2007	269,352.0	51,282.0	70,430.0	126,904.0	44,736.0
	2008	288,684.0	53,334.0	73,116.0	128,258.0	43,956.0
	2009	267,705.0	48,023.0	63,215.0	117,037.0	39,430.0
	2010	239,992.0	49,257.0	64,092.0	126,643.0	
British Columbia	2006	1,807,466.0	366,131.0	450,720.0	652,402.0	338,213.0
	2007	1,807,466.0	366,131.0	450,720.0	652,402.0	338,213.0
	2008	1,977,365.0	435,234.0	503,243.0	687,790.0	351,118.0
	2009	1,743,074.0	378,897.0	423,761.0	617,008.0	323,408.0
	2010	1,593,664.0	502,294.0	441,819.0	650,871.0	

2009 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

TOTAL	267,495.0	100.0%
Fishing lodges	2,040.0	0.8%
Hotels	135,672.0	50.7%
76+ Rooms	108,793.0	40.7%
1-75 Rooms	26,879.0	10.0%
Motels	74,393.0	27.8%
Vacation Rentals	21,133.0	7.9%
Miscellaneous	34,259.0	12.8%

asterisk before location denotes sub-area detail

Tourism Room Revenue Index 2004=100



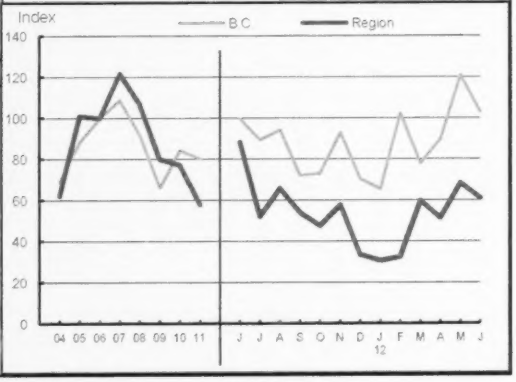
Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Small Business and Revenu
Published in detail monthly by BC Stats.

All room revenue data has been revised. For an explanation, see our periodical called Tourism Sector Monitor, April and May issues of 2009.
Link to explanation of changes: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_tour.asp

6 **Building Permits**

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
2004	963.7	235.8	30.5	135.3	70.0	727.9	4,496
2005	1,560.7	464.0	48.3	293.6	122.0	1,096.8	6,367
2006	1,549.0	404.6	69.1	209.8	125.7	1,144.5	5,584
2007	1,881.8	565.7	65.0	369.0	131.8	1,316.1	5,686
2008	1,650.9	437.5	34.0	259.6	143.9	1,213.4	4,915
2009	1,236.2	644.2	41.9	203.6	398.7	592.0	2,143
2010	1,194.2	365.2	42.9	203.6	118.7	828.9	3,349
2011	897.6	358.3	65.9	166.9	125.5	539.2	1,792
Jan-Jun 11	496.9	228.5	29.1	91.4	107.9	268.5	905
Jan-Jun 12	391.2	154.4	21.8	86.8	45.8	236.9	867

Total Permits Index 2006=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Latest month preliminary, previous month is revised.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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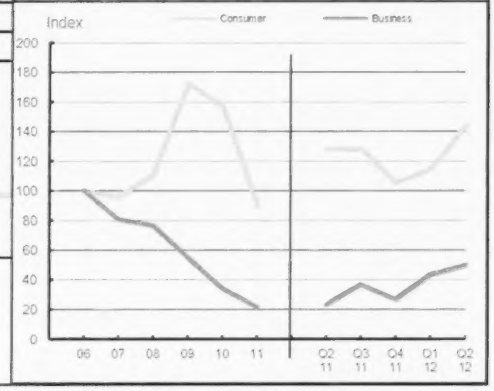
7 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies, Metro/Development Regions

Year	Thompson/Ok. DR		Kelowna, CMA		British Columbia	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2007	874	97	378	32	6,651	470
2008	1,014	92	426	31	7,293	454
2009	1,573	66	631	20	10,639	380
2010	1,434	41	533	18	9,674	229
2011	826	26	296	14	5,836	147
YTD-11	658	13	227	8	4,261	97
YTD-12	590	28	211	7	4,007	101

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

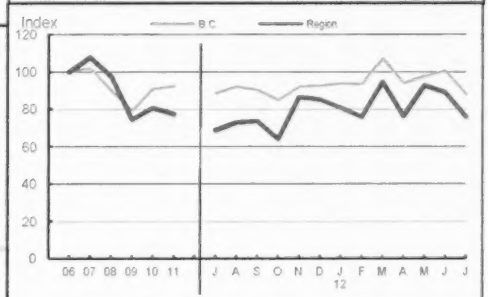
Thompson/Ok. DR Indices 2006=100



8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
2004	2,039
2005	2,948
2006	3,196
2007	3,446
2008	3,124
2009	2,375
2010	2,577
2011	2,476
Jan-Jul 11	1,458
Jan-Jul 12	1,558

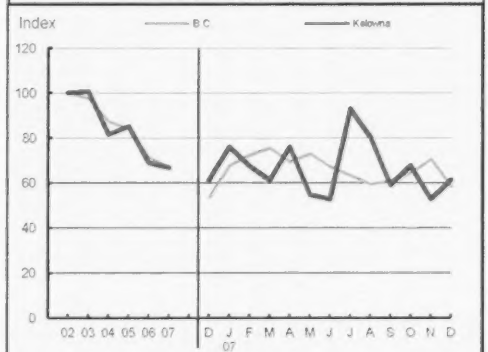
Incorporations Index 2006=100



Source: Incorporations - Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies (Discontinued)

Total Bankruptcy Index 2002=100
Total = Consumer + Business



9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies (Discontinued)

Year	Kelowna		Kamloops		Penticton	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2003	531	41	244	42	186	21
2004	422	42	219	35	124	13
2005	437	47	200	29	124	17
2006	350	42	170	18	100	13
2007	351	29	154	20	110	10
Jan-Dec 06	350	42	170	18	100	13
Jan-Dec 07	351	29	154	20	110	10

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

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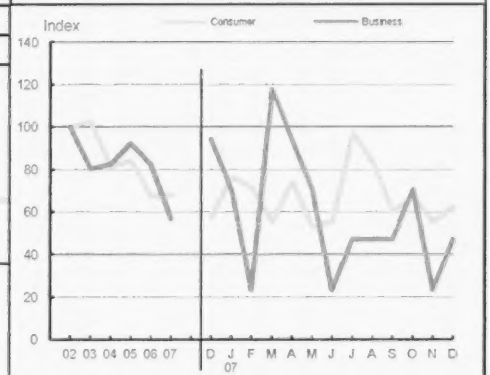
Kelowna Indices 2002=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Sep '08	1.6	2.4	1.9	1.5	0.8
	Dec '08	1.8	2.7	2.3	1.8	0.8
	Mar '09	2.3	3.2	3.0	2.4	0.9
	Jun '09	2.4	3.3	3.1	2.4	1.0
	Sep '09	2.5	3.7	3.3	2.5	1.1
	Dec '09	2.9	4.0	3.8	2.9	1.1
	Mar '10	3.1	4.1	4.3	3.1	1.1
	Jun '10	2.9	3.9	4.0	2.9	1.1
	Sep '10	2.7	3.8	3.5	2.7	1.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

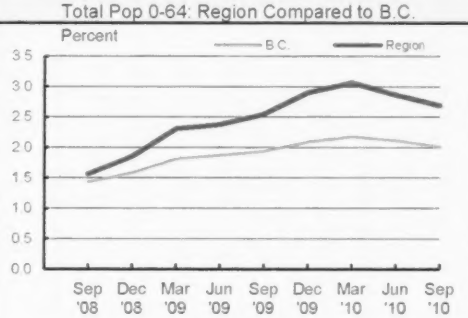
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	Note Older Data
1.3	1.1	1.5	0.8	Sep '07
2.3	2.5	2.5	1.7	Dec '07
2.6	2.9	2.9	1.8	Mar '08
3.4	3.3	3.8	2.5	Jun '08
1.6	1.6	1.8	1.1	Sep '08
3.5	4.0	3.8	2.4	Dec '08
5.8	7.3	6.2	3.6	Mar '09
4.5	5.2	5.0	2.7	Jun '09
3.8	4.0	4.3	2.2	Sep '09

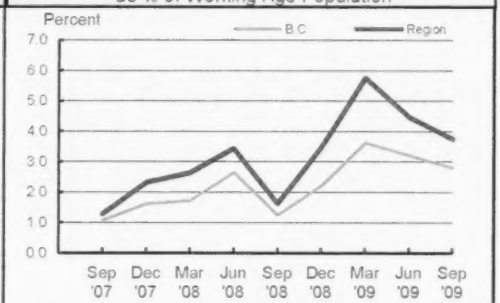
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of September 2010)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	11,488	75,506
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	61.2	56.9
1-2 Years	25.5	24.5
>2 Years	13.3	18.6

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Social Development administrative files and BC Stats population estimates. These figures include only a subset of those receiving income assistance. Excluded are those on Continuous Assistance (disabled or with persistent multiple barriers to employment, children in the home of a relative, and OAS/seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic income assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

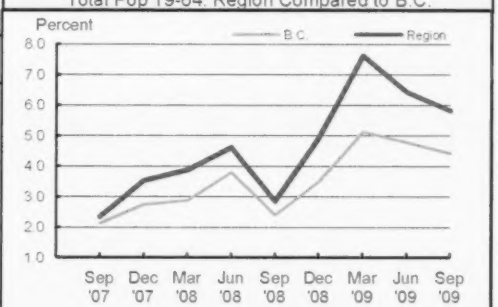
Source: Ministry of Social Development and BC Stats population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Sep '07	2.3	2.6	2.7	1.2
	Dec '07	3.5	4.1	3.9	2.1
	Mar '08	3.9	4.5	4.4	2.2
	Jun '08	4.6	4.9	5.2	2.9
	Sep '08	2.9	3.4	3.3	1.4
	Dec '08	4.9	6.1	5.4	2.8
	Mar '09	7.6	10.0	8.4	4.2
	Jun '09	6.4	8.2	7.3	3.3
	Sep '09	5.8	7.1	6.7	2.9

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Note: The data displayed here has been superseded by new series published on our web site with different geography and demographic groupings.

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13 Demographics

Thompson/Okanagan experienced strong net inflows of migrants during the early to mid 1990's. This highly positive net migration contributed to strong population growth for the region during this time. Levels tapered off after this period, but in 2006 and 2007 saw a return to relatively large net inflows. The population in this area was almost four years older than the provincial median in 2007, and has aged quickly, adding 9.5 years to its median population since the mid 1980s, compared to the provincial gain of 7.2 years. This may be due, in part, to the substantial number of retirees located in the region. The proportion of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio and has been since the mid 1980s. Fertility rates have declined over time, but they remain slightly above provincial levels. Along with fertility rates, the number of births has dropped, while the number of deaths almost doubled between 1986 and 2007. As a result, natural increase has been declining, becoming negative in 2002. Net migration has been positive and fairly strong in the last few years, and has been the sole contributor to recent growth in the region.

14 Projection

Natural increase is projected to become increasingly negative over the period as deaths outstrip births by a wider and wider margin. However, the strong inflows of migrants will likely more than compensate for the losses due to increased deaths. Despite a slowing of growth over the projection period due to natural increase, this region is expected to experience continued strong growth. By 2036, the population in this region is expected to be larger by about 145,000 people. The population will continue to age and, by 2036, this area will likely have about 7.5 dependents for every 10 people of working age. Most of these dependents will be seniors.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

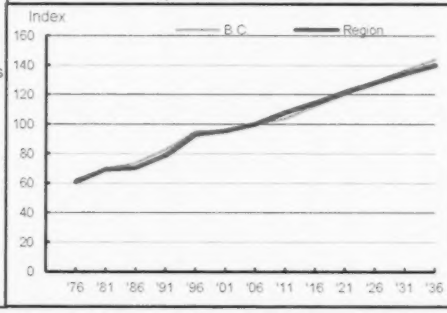
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	22.0	76.1	37.8	79.7	60.0	29.5	305.1	98.8	0.553	0.166	0.719	1976
1981	24.3	73.2	43.1	98.6	69.0	39.6	347.8	123.3	0.463	0.188	0.651	1981
1986	23.8	66.7	36.1	103.9	74.4	49.2	354.0	135.9	0.422	0.229	0.652	1986
1991	25.1	71.1	33.6	118.7	85.8	61.9	396.2	152.3	0.404	0.260	0.664	1991
1996	27.3	83.4	39.2	136.5	106.6	74.5	467.6	184.2	0.392	0.264	0.656	1996
2001	22.8	82.2	39.2	126.7	125.0	84.1	480.1	196.2	0.361	0.289	0.650	2001
2006	21.8	76.4	43.2	117.9	149.2	94.5	503.0	205.8	0.316	0.304	0.621	2006
2011	24.3	70.8	50.3	123.8	167.6	105.8	542.6	229.1	0.278	0.310	0.588	2011
2016	26.6	71.2	44.5	140.7	167.2	126.0	576.1	250.7	0.278	0.358	0.635	2016
2021	28.6	76.9	40.5	155.6	163.9	145.9	611.4	267.1	0.293	0.405	0.698	2021
2026	28.9	83.8	41.6	163.3	161.8	166.0	645.4	282.2	0.307	0.453	0.760	2026
2031	28.4	88.1	45.6	163.4	169.4	181.6	676.5	297.2	0.308	0.480	0.788	2031
2036	28.6	89.4	49.7	160.4	188.5	187.7	704.3	312.0	0.296	0.471	0.767	2036

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

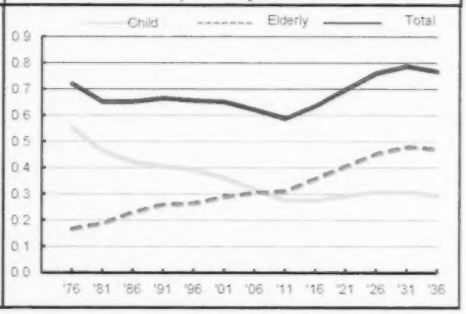
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 2006=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-36, run in Summer 2011. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.
Note: Demographics and Projection notes in Tables 13 and 14 are from Projection P-33, run the Summer 2008.